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SUBJECT: FRAUD TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES CONTINUE TO DISMANTLE NETWORK OF  
FRAUDULENT BIRTH REGISTRATIONS

REFS: (A) CAIRO 2483 (B) CAIRO 2562

11. (SBU) Summary: This cable highlights the effective fraud tools and techniques that have uncovered the network of fraudulent birth registrations reported in refs (A) and (B). The Fraud Prevention Manager (FPM) and A/RSO-I continue to use a wide variety of fraud resources to not only identify additional cases, but develop the information already found. Quick action by Egyptian State Security Investigative Services (SSIS) on the information provided by the Fraud Prevention Unit (FPU) has greatly facilitated the rapid dismantling of this network. Currently, SSIS has arrested and charged ten individuals (including two Amcits) and is seeking the arrest of three more, of whom none are American citizens. The FPU has identified the locations of two additional babies and confirmed a case of child trafficking using nonimmigrant visas. End Summary.

The Recap

12. (SBU) To date the FPU has identified 21 cases during the past 20 years from the American Citizen Services Unit (ACS) where couples attempted to falsely document a newborn as an American citizen. Of those 21 cases, four couples were successful in getting their respective newborns to the United States and then subsequently documented as American citizens. In most cases, the newborns traveled with Egyptian passports. In addition, the FPU has identified one case from the nonimmigrant visa (NIV) unit where a doctor successfully smuggled a newborn to the United States on a non-immigrant visa. SSIS has arrested and charged two doctors, one nun, one banker and six alleged parents, two of whom are Amcits. All are being held awaiting trial. SSIS has closed three clinics/hospitals, issued warrants for the arrest of another two doctors and one individual and located five newborns in Cairo that had been bought and sold. SSIS has indicated that the newborns have been returned to Social Services.

The Tools

13. (SBU) The FPM and A/RSO-I have utilized all available fraud resources and outside contacts to uncover the complexity of the network and identify links. Arrival and departure information for the child traffickers from the Egyptian Civil Affairs Authority (CAA) helped pinpoint dates of travel. Crosschecking that information with the flight manifests available in the Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS) of DHS confirmed the travel on the same flight of an identified trafficker, his alleged newborn and individuals from another separate bogus CRBA case. CAA also provided the full names and dates of birth for individuals in old ACS files

that registered bogus births. Using that information with Lexis/Nexis helped identify the locations of couples who had successfully smuggled a newborn to the United States. Finally, the FPM and A/RSO-I met with the fraud prevention representatives of Western embassies to brief them on the case. Afterwards, the Canadian Embassy undertook a comprehensive review of almost 300 cases, identifying about a dozen that were suspect and subsequently referring those to SSIS.

#### The NIV case

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14. (SBU) The FPU has been able to identify one case where the baby trafficking network has utilized NIVs to get newborns to the United States. In this particular case, a 50-year old doctor who had been previously identified in two separate ACS cases as falsely attesting to delivering babies, applied for a visa with his alleged newborn. The doctor claimed to be traveling without his wife to visit a Coptic priest in the United States. When the wife was questioned by SSIS, she claimed she knew nothing of a newborn although she was listed on the birth certificate. In addition, ADIS checks confirmed that this doctor and newborn were on the same flight with a couple who, six months previously, had been unsuccessful in an attempt to falsely document a newborn in ACS. The FPU continues to review NIV records for other possible similar cases. In addition, a set of parameters has been passed to the CCD Adhoc team with a request for reports on NIV, IV and DV cases to determine whether other newborns have traveled to the United States based on fraudulent documents.

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